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SUBJECT: DISTURBANCES AT SHASHE RIVER SCHOOL

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1. SHASHE RIVER SCHOOL WAS SCENE OF DISTURBANCES SUNDAY, AUGUST 8, DURING WHICH MORE THAN 30 MALE STUDENTS WERE ARRESTED. ACCORDING TO NEWSPAPER REPORTS, INCIDENT FOLLOWED A PREFECT'S INTERVENTION IN FIGHT BETWEEN TWO MALE STUDENTS. STONES AND BRICKSWERE THROWN RESULTING IN SLIGHT INJURY TO ONE TEACHER. THE DETAINED STUDENTS WERE REMOVED TO FRANCISTOWN FOR QUESTIONING BUT HAD BEEN RETURNED TO THE SCHOOL BY MONDAY.

2. COMMENT: WE UNDERSTAND THAT SPRINGBOK RADIO IN SOUTH AFRICA REPORTED THIS MINOR EVENT, PERHAPS TO SHOW THAT THERE IS ALSO DISCONTENTMENT AMONG SCHOOL CHILDREN IN BLACK AFRICAN COUNTRIES. THIS IS NOT FIRST SCHOOL DEMONSTRATION IN BOTSWANA'S HISTORY (REFAIR DESCRIBES

1972 DISTURBANCES AT SWANGENG HILL SCHOOL) BUT IS IN NO WAY REMOTELY COMPARABLE TO SOWETO; NOR WAS IT RELATED TO CURRENT SOCIAL AND RACIAL UNREST IN SOUTHERN AFRICA.

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